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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 11/05/02, please see the following remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 20, 48, 100, and 101 have been amended and claims 113-116 have been added since the preliminary amendment.

1. (amended) A record carrier having a signal recorded in a track, the signal comprising a sequence of successive information signal portions, each signal portion representing an information word wherein each of the information signal portions comprises n bit cells having a first or second logical [signal] value and wherein a plurality of track information patterns represent the signal portions, characterized in that the information signal portions are spread over at least one group of a first type and at least one group of a second type, while each information signal portion belonging to a group of the first type uniquely represents an information word and each information signal portion belonging to a group of the second type uniquely represents an information word.

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